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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 27th-December, through Sunday, 3rd-January there were 216 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5V, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, JA, JD/m, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, R1FJ, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VK9W, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE**: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

2009 DX SOUND BITES!

Tom, K8CX, has done it again. He has provided DXers with 146 memorable DX sound clips from 2009. Visit Tom's famous "HAM GALLERY" Web at:

http://hamgallery.com/dx2009

While there also check out some of his other features on his Web page, such as: 12 years of "Rare DX Sound Clips" of the past, QSL Card Museum, Dayton Photo Galleries and Tribute to Silent Key Ham Operators.

2010 CDXC CHALLENGE

The aim of the "2010 Clipperton DX Club Challenge" is to contact as many DXCC entities as possible on the different bands and on the different modes over the duration of the challenge. The challenge is opened to all radio amateurs, member of the CDXC or not. The challenge started on January 1st, 2010, at 0000z, and will last until Sunday, August 29th, at 2359z. Three categories are available:
Bands HF : - Mixed Mode All HF bands (CW, SSB, Digi)
Band 6m : - Mixed 6m (CW, SSB, Digi)
Band 2m : - Mixed 2m 2m (CW, SSB, Digi)
Complete details are available on the CDXC Web page at:

http://www.cdxc.org

2010 CQ DX MARATHON

Now that the 2009 CQ DX Marathon has ended, the 2010 CQ DX Marathon has begun as of 0000z, on January 1st, and will run through/until 2359z, December 31st, 2010. The goal is to work as many countries and CQ zones as possible at least once during the 2010 calendar year. Complete details, rules and score sheets are available at:

http://www.dxmarathon.com

2010 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES (Special Canadian Prefixes)

The following prefixes will be available for use in Canada from February 1st to March 31st, to commemorate the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in British Columbia. Canadian stations with a VA prefix can use VG, VY can use XK, VO can use XJ, and VE can use VX. Known announced activities are:
VX9NC - VE9NC will operate during that time using primarily digital modes on all HF bands. QSL via his home callsign.
VG7G - VE7XS will be operating during this time. (No other details known.)
VG7W - VE7OM will be operating as VG7W between now and January 31st. (No other details known.)

6W, SENEGAL

Operators Ron/PA3EWP and Tom/GM4FDM will team up again, but this time from the Le Calao rental shack in the region of Somone about 70km south of Dakar in Senegal for 2 weeks between January 26th and February 9th. Both operators have their license and will sign 6W/homecall. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, but operations will be concentrated on CW on the lower bands. Antennas are a Titanex vertical for 160/80m, 4 square for 40m, verticals for 30/17m and monobanders are available for 20/15/10m. They "may" also be active on 6 meters using a K3 radio and a 5 element yagi. Also, some RTTY operations are expected from Tom. The operators will attempt to be on the air during the sunrise/sunset for USA and Japan and hope that the path to Europe will not prove too troublesome. Tom will attempt to upload ONLY his logs to LoTW if the InterNet is available, if not, they will be submitted immediately upon

his return home. QSL 6W/PA3EWP via PA7FM. QSL 6W/GM4FDM via GM4FDM, direct or by the Bureau and LoTW.

8Q, MALDIVES

Cezar, YO8TLC, will be active as 8Q7CE from Addu Atoll, Feydhoo Island (AS-013), between January 8-25th. Activity will be holiday style with operations on 40/30/20 meters using mainly CW and some SSB. He will use a FT-857 w/100 watts into an ATU MFJ971 and vertical multi-band antenna. QSL via YO8TLC, by the Bureau or direct.

A6, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (Update)

Gerry, VE6LB, will be active as A6/VE6LB from Dubai between January 9th and February 7th. Activity will be limited (holiday style) using 100 watts into a G5RV antenna and mainly on CW. QSL direct via his home callsign (QRZ.com address) or LoTW. Bureau QSLs can be requested via E-mail at: **ve6lb@telus.net** Visit his Web page at:

http://www.telusplanet.net/public/telwest/ve6lb.htm

He hopes to have an on-line log at:

http://logsearch.de/index.php/online-logsearch

CE0, EASTER ISLAND (SA-001)

Roberto, YV5IAL, will be active as CE0/YV5IAL from Isla de Pascua (IOTA **SA-001**, DICE ICE-001, WLOTA L-0319) between January 8-11th. This will be a QRP, portable, holiday style operation. Activity will be on PSK31 digital mode on 14070.15 kHz from 2200-0100z, and occasionally on 40/30/15 meters. QSL via his home callsign.

FM, MARTINIQUE

Nicolas, F5TGR, will be active as FM/F5TGR between April 25th and May 6th. Activity will be limited to his spare time (holiday style) on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

H40 & H44, TEMOTU PROVINCE AND SOLOMON ISLANDS (Update)

Bernhard, DL2GAC, informs OPDX that he will once again be on a DX vacation in the Solomon Islands. He is expected to arrive on January 21st and will (expected) depart on April 20th. Bernhard will be active as H44MS, usually on SSB only but will focus on the 80 and 40 meter bands. Between February 6-19th, operators Siegfried/DK9FN and Hans-Peter/DG1FK, will join Bernhard/DL2GAC and the team will be active as H40FN (CW), H40FK (Digi-mode) and H40MS (SSB), respectively, from Ngarando/Reef Islands (**OC-065**). Activity will be focused on 160/80m (using their famous LOBSTER 2-element multi-band vertical), but they will operate on 160-6 meters depending on the band conditions. QSL H40FN via HA8FW, H40MS via DL2GAC and H40FK via DG1FK. QSL cards will be sent out automatically via the Bureau. However, for those who want to receive their QSL cards directly, a minimum of 2 USDs for postage is requested. Donations are most welcome. For more details, updates and pictures/details of Siegfried's last visit to Temotu, please visit the following Web page at:

http://hari-ham.com/seiten/h40fn_expedition/index.php

Bernhard states there is NO InterNet connection from either locations.

IOTA NEWS..... (None to report this week!)

J2, DJIBOUTI

Darko, E70A, who has been operating as J28OO since November of 2007, has apparently changed his callsign. He is now signing J28AA. He has operated CW, SSB and RTTY on 80-10 meters. However, his activity lately has been mainly CW on 80/40/20 meters. QSL via his QSL Manager K2PF, direct or LoTW.

KH6BZF PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (For January 4-10th)

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 Jan   04    AN          SOLAR REFERENCE
 Dec   05    AN          ---------------
 Dec   06    AN           AN - Above Normal/Geomagnetic Level is QUIET
 Dec   07    AN           HN - High Normal/Geomagnetic Level is UNSETTLED
 Jan   08    AN           LN - Low Normal
 Jan   09    AN
 Jan   10    AN          GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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                          QUIET - The "A" index is expected to be between
                                  0-7 and the "K" index will be 2 or less
                      UNSETTLED - The "A" index is expected to be between
                                  7-16 and "K" index will be 3 or less
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NEW CLUB (New Club for Morse Code Enthusiasts)

"A new club has been formed among Amateur Radio operators who are Morse Code (CW) enthusiasts. It is called The CW Operators' Club (CWops). CWops encourages the use of CW in Amateur communications, and it promotes goodwill among Amateurs around the world by planned CW activities. CWops is international in scope, membership and management. Its focus is the use of CW, whether for contesting, DXing or ragchewing. Moreover, it promotes every form of sending -- if it's CW, CWops supports it! For further information, go to www.cwops.org. There you will find everything that you might want to know about CWops, including our bylaws and articles of incorporation, our planned activities, an explanation of how to become a member, and a list of current members....." Jim Talens, N3JT, Secretary, CWops

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2010

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Members of the Central California DX Club, Inc.,
elected the following officers for 2010.  They are:
  President              - Mike Bavoso, W6YDE
  First Vice President   - Fred Stenger, N6AWD
  Second Vice President  - Jim Clymer, WS6X
  Secretary/Treasurer    - Charles McConnell, W6DPD
  Director               - Bob Hervatine, N2NS
  Director               - George Wear, W6RFL
  Director               - Walter Greene, AA6LY
  Past President         - Bill McFarlen, WA5VGI
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Visit the CCDXC Web page at:

http://www.ccdxc.org

PC600, THE NETHERLANDS (Special Event)

The City of Purmerend in the Netherlands will be celebrating its 600th anniversary of city rights. The local amateurs are participating in this celebration and will be active using the special callsign PC600P during 3 periods throughout the year. Look for special event station PC600P to be on the air between January 1-27th, May 1-28th and September 1-28th. After the completion of the event in September, a QSL for this station will be sent via the Bureau to all stations who made a contact. During the same periods, other PA stations from Purmerend will also be active using special callsigns (e.g. PA600MIR, PA601FR, PA602SWL, PA603HGP, PD602YL, PE603HG a.s.o.). Details of a short-time operational award is available via the local VERON chapter Web site at:

http://hamradio.nikhef.nl/afdeling/waterland

QSL INFO AND NEWS

9G5TT & 9G5XX QSL STATUS. Silvano, I2YSB, reports that all of the QSLs received for 9G5TT and 9G5XX have been sent/answered as of January 2nd. You can check the status of your QSL or to see if you are in the log at:

http://www.i2ysb.com/index.php?option=com_wrapper&Itemid=43

For any inquires, you can send E-mail to: **i2ysb@i2ysb.com**

QSLS VIA LoTW: 4L4WW, 4L8A, 4O3A, 8P5A, AH2Y, BA4RF, BU2AI, CN3A, CT3KN, CX7TT, DS1REE, FO8RZ, FY8PO, GM0F, HC8A, IR4M, J39BS, JT1CO, KG6DX, NP3CW, OH0X, OK1DO, P40W, P49Y, PJ2T, PS2T, RA0FU, S51ZZ, SM5IMO, SU1KM, TR8CA, UA0FAI, UW2AM, V26K, V47NT, YO9HP and ZP4FX.

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3DA0VB, 3D2KJ, 4W6AL, 7Q7VB, 8R1PY, 9U0VB, 9X0VB, 9Z4FZ, A61AB, CT8/DL7JAN, CU3EQ, D20VB, EA9IE, FM5AA, FT5GA, KL7RRC/p, P29NI, PJ2/K8ND, SV2ASP/A, T30GM, TO5RZ, TX5SPA, TX5SPM, VP2VI, VP8YLG, UA2FFW, VU2MTT, XV2RZ and YJ0PX.

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 5W0SS, 6Y2Z, C21DL, CU2A, CX1AA, DK1MAX, FO/DL3GA, FP/VE7SV, GJ2A, HH6/DL7CM, HI3/SP9XCN, HK0GU, HQ9H, HP3TA, J38AA, J3/SP9PT, 8N5S, 8J3YAGI, JW1CCA, K5D, KG4MO, KH8/DF2SS, WP3R, LW2DX, LX/DF3VM, LY7Z, OA4/DJ3KR, OH3YI, OH0R, PA1CC, PJ7/ND5S, RW2F, S59AA, S9SS, T32RD, T32WW, T33C, T96Q, TA3DD, UA4HBW, UE80MC, V25A, V73MJ, VE3EXY/2, VE2XAA, VI5BR, VP2MLA, VP2MWP, VP9/WA1S, VR2BG, XE1KK, ZD8A, ZF2AH, ZK3MW, ZL2IFB and ZL3C.

SILENT KEY

OPDX was informed that Jozsef "JOCI" Skultety, HA7PB, (HSC, FOC) became a Silent Key on December 31st, 2009. OPDX and its readers would like to send out our deepest sympathy to the family and friends.

T7, SAN MARINO

Operators Tony/T77C, Victor/RV2FW, Dmitri/UA2FB, Vladimir/ UA2FF and Igor/UA2FZ will activate the Amateurs Radio Republic of San Marino (A.R.R.S.M.) club station T70A during the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 29-31st) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via T70A.

TX4, FRENCH POLYNESIA (Update)

Operators Jacques/F6BEE, Phil/FO8RZ, Nigel/G3TXF and Gilles/VE2TZT will be active using the special callsign TX4T from Tahiti between February 9-24th. Activity will be active on 160-10 meters with a strong effort on the lower bands (160/80m). They also plan to be entries in the CQ WPX RTTY (February 13-14th) and ARRL DX CW (February 20-21st) Contests. QSL via G3TXF. Visit their Web page at:

http://www.fo2010.org

VK9N, NORFOLK ISLAND

By the time you read this, operators Alan/VK3XPD, Kevin/VK4UH and Mike/VK3KH will be active as VK9NA until January 14th. However, this is a VHF, UHF and Microwave DXpedition. For complete details, visit their Web page at:

http://www.vk9na.com/index.html

ZL NEWS (New Zealand DX Hall of Fame Members for 2010)

The New Zealand DX Hall of Fame was set up a few years ago to honor those outstanding ZL DXers who have excelled in our radio sport hobby over many years. The current panel of judges includes Ken McCormack/ZL1AIH, Duncan McMahon/ZL3JT and Bill Carney/ZL3NB. The judges were unanimous in their selection for 2010. Their individual citations are below:

> **Dave A. Johnston, ZL1AMN** - The election of Dave Johnston as the 4th inductee to the NZ DX Hall of Fame recognizes Dave's extraordinary and unselfish contribution to the sport of Amateur Radio DXing in New Zealand. His DXpedition exploits around the Pacific over many decades as ZL1AA/K, ZK2DJ, A35DJ, 5W1CA are legendary, and he has enabled a generation of amateur radio operators worldwide to obtain that elusive new country. His personal achievement in the ARRL DXCC program with Honour Roll on Phone with 350 entities is outstanding. Dave's contribution to DXing internationally has been immense by way of the ANZA Net anchor man for many years. Dave is the NZ co- coordinator for ITHE, the International Tour Host Exchange organiza- tion which assists amateurs with accommodation when traveling around the World.
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> **Aola B. Johnston, ZL1ALE** - The election of Aola Johnson, ZL1ALE, as the 5th inductee to the NZ DX Hall of Fame recognizes Aola's extraordi- nary and unselfish contribution to the sport of Amateur Radio DXing in New Zealand. Aola's DXpedition exploits around the Pacific with her husband Dave over many decades has enabled a generation of amateur radio operators worldwide to obtain that elusive new country with a YL operator. Aola has operated as A35YL, ZK2YL, 5W1BY and others. Her personal achievement in the ARRL DXCC program is out- standing with 349 entities credited. She is the only lady in New Zealand on the ARRL DXCC Honor Roll. She is a member of WARO, CLARA, YLRL, ALARA, BYLARA, and YLISB.
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> **Dave Brown, ZL1HY (SK)** - The posthumous election of Dave Brown, ZL1HY, as the 6th inductee to the NZ DX Hall of Fame recognizes Dave's amazing DXing achievements over many decades. His help and inspira- tion that he gave to other

DXers has been immeasurable. His personal achievement in the ARRL DXCC program is legendary with DXCC No. 59 in September 1947. ZL1HY was the first Oceania station to achieve the TOP position in world DXing with 375 confirmed on phone in 1992. It was the first time this honor ever left America. His last QSO was in April 1992 He was an outstanding ZL radio amateur for decades. This award honors Dave Brown's wonderful DXing skills and will show how accomplished this great New Zealand DXer was.

**** IMPORTANT NOTICE/REMINDER ****

The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin now has a new FAX number.
Contributors can now send/fax their DX information to the following number:
1-419-828-7791 (F A X only!)

SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR:

If you are having a problem receiving bounced mail by sending mail to me via " kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org ",
please send mail to me via " **kb8nw@arrl.net** "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

PLEASE NOTICE (as of February 12, 2007), NEW ADDRESS CHANGES FOR THE OPDX INTERNET HELP/SUBSCRIBE/UNSUBSCRIBE REQUEST:

Help: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:help
Subscribe: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:subscribe
Unsubscribe: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:unsubscribe

OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME (provided by John, K8YSE (k8yse@papays.com):
http://www.papays.com/opdx.html

ALSO VISIT THE NORTERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION'S WEB HOME PAGE:
http://www.papays.com/nodxa.html

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- OR -
kb8nw@arrl.net

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